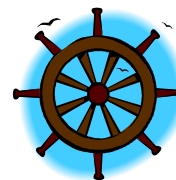


# The Binnacle

A newsletter of the



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## Lake Gunterville Sailing Club

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[www.lakeguntervillesailingclub.com](http://www.lakeguntervillesailingclub.com)

October 2008

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### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS, George Brown

It's almost fall, so it's time to get back on the lake and enjoy the fall winds. The fall pursuit races have already started and more and more sailors are spending time at the marina.

The cruise to Goose Pond was enjoyed by crews from eight boats and several more who joined the group for dinner. The only concern was when wrong way John missed the entry to Goose Pond (he was passing a barge at the most inopportune time) and ended up at the Jackson Co. Park. But he made it back safe and sound, just a little late for dinner.

We have a full schedule of events and races from our cookout for our social on September 20<sup>th</sup> to the Annual Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. In fact, we only have one weekend from now till then that we don't have an activity planned, so keep checking the schedule and come join in on the fun.

(<http://www.lakeguntervillesailingclub.com/activities.htm> )

Start planning on attending the Annual Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Gunter's Landing. We are planning a bigger and better event than last year (which may have been our biggest event ever), with presentations by the owners, election of new officers and voting on new bylaws. We will be deciding on the menu at the Sept. 20 meeting, so let your voice be heard. Charlie Rains is the chair of the nomination committee, so please contact him if you are willing to serve as either an officer or as a Board member or would like to nominate someone from the club. We have been working hard to put together a new set of bylaws that more closely reflect how we actually manage the club. We plan to have the draft bylaws published next month for all to see and comment on. We will vote on their adoption at the annual meeting – so stay tuned and let us know your comments and ideas between now and the Annual Meeting.

The Autumn Challenge is scheduled for Oct. 17-18, 2008 Plan on joining us for a weekend of fun and low pressure racing. The next marina open house will be on October 11. The owners have remodeled and furnished the house on the hill and it is for rent at \$225 per night with a two night minimum on the weekend. The house has three bedrooms and a fold out couch, so it can easily

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sleep at least 8 people. See Quill if you are interested in renting it or know of someone who is.

Hope to see you at the marina. If you are new, introduce yourself to us so we can get to know you.

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**FROM THE RACE CHAIRMAN, Keith Kuhlman**

**If you need crew or want to crew, contact Keith Kuhlman at [bkkuhlman@hotmail.com](mailto:bkkuhlman@hotmail.com) or call 256-582-1108**



We are back in to the season, but I am afraid Mother Nature is just not as enthusiastic as we are!! The wind was just ok on Saturday and down right light on Sunday. Charlie was the master on Saturday just barely staying ahead of Amy and Sterling all the way back to the finish line. Great job on tactics!!! Sunday looked like a bust but the enthusiasm prevailed and a small group started in light wind, tried to go up river, had to shorten the course but finally got it done. It was questionable if we should have counted it but Mad Dog Amy would have had a “come-a-part” and you do not want to be part of that scene!! Seriously, it was another great job in light conditions.

We have some nice events coming up this Fall. First is BCSA’s Great River Race. This is traditionally a long, long, long distance race of about 70 miles!!! However, they have graciously made a sub category of a single lap up and down the lake of only 15 miles. So you can take your pick and do the all nighter (remember those!!) or just go for a fun day. The Skipper’s Meeting for the GRR is Friday night, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 pm at the BCSA club house. You do not want to miss the “pledge”!! The race starts Saturday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am way down past Lower Guntersville Light. You should allow about 1.5 hours to get there so really should leave the docks at around 7 am. I know it is early but it will be fun!!! I will have some registration forms at our club. You can register at the Skipper’s Meeting on Friday. Cost is \$40 or \$35 if received by 9/28. You can take \$5 off those amounts if you are a US Sailing member. Contact John Gwyer at (256) 722-0455 or email him at [jgwyer@hiwaay.net](mailto:jgwyer@hiwaay.net).

**We will be having the Autumn Challenge Pursuit race on October 18<sup>th</sup>.**

This is a fun event for all levels of sailing skill and boat speed. Skipper’s meeting will be at 9 am at the LGSC club house. A hot breakfast will be served courtesy of one of our newest member, William. Thank You!! There will be two races, the first starting at 10:30 am and the second immediately after so bring your lunch. Both will be pursuit format so come out and have some fun. No nasty mass starts!! We will end the “chasing” by 5 pm and there will be a scrumptious spaghetti dinner prepared by LGSC’s famous social committee chefs! The Notice of Race and Registration form are in this month’s Binnacle.

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We still have three more weeks of Saturday and Sunday Pursuit racing, 9/27-28, 10/11-12 and 10/25-26.

#### Activities at a Glance and the LGSC Race Schedule

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
<b>Sat., September 27</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #3</b>
	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Start – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #3</b>
<b>Sun., September 28</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #3</b>
	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Start – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #3</b>
<b>Fri., October 3</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>Skipper's Meeting – Great River Race at BCSA</b>
<b>Sat., October 4</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>	<b>Start – Great River Race – Joint Pursuit #4 at Lower Guntersville Light (1<sup>st</sup> lap of GGR)</b>
<b>Sat., October 11</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #4</b>
	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Start – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #4</b>
		<b>Marina Open House</b>
		<b>Full Moon Sail - 3 days early</b>
	<b>5 p.m.</b>	<b>BBQ &amp; Hayride at Trish &amp; George Brown's</b>
<b>Sun., October 12</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #4</b>
	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Start – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #4</b>
<b>Fri., October 17</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Autumn Challenge – Dinner &amp; Skipper's Meeting</b>
<b>Sat., October 18</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Autumn Challenge - Start</b>
<b>Sat., October 25</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Skipper's Meeting – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #5</b>
	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Start – Saturday Pursuit Fall Series #5</b>
<b>Sun., October 26</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Skipper's Meeting – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #5</b>
	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Start – Sunday Pursuit Fall Series #5</b>
<b>Sun., November 2</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Skipper's Meeting – Joint Pursuit #5</b>
	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Start – Joint Pursuit #5</b>
<b>Sat., November 15</b>		<b>Annual Membership Meeting &amp; Dinner - Gunter's Landing</b>

# 2008 AUTUMN CHALLENGE

## NOTICE OF CHASE

### Lake Guntersville Sailing Club

Lake Guntersville, Alabama

October 18, 2008

The Lake Guntersville Sailing Club is pleased to announce the Fourth Annual Autumn Challenge at Lake Guntersville. This event is designed to be a fun event for sailors and boats of varying abilities. We will begin with breakfast and a Skipper's Meeting Saturday morning followed by two races. That evening we will have a spaghetti dinner by our famous chefs of the social committee and an awards ceremony.

#### 1. Schedule of Events:

Saturday, October 18, at Lake Guntersville Sailing Club clubhouse  
 0800 Breakfast, LATE REGISTRATION FOR RACE  
 0900 Skipper's meeting, END OF LATE REGISTRATION

Saturday, October 18, on the lake.

1025 Warning signal for first chase  
 1030 Starting signal for first chase  
       Second chase to follow  
 1700 Time limit  
 1800 After-chase dinner and awards presentation

#### 2. Rules

The event will be governed by our Pursuit Series Rules, the Navigation Rules International/Inland Waterways, this Notice of Chase, and the Sailing Instructions.

#### 3. Eligibility

The Autumn Challenge is restricted to mono-hull yachts with an enclosed cabin. All yachts must carry an auxiliary motor, anchor, anchor rode, and be equipped with navigation lights as required by the Navigation Rules International/Inland Waterways. Outboard motors shall be carried in the installed position ready for operation. Lifting and or tilting mechanism on outboard motor mounts may be utilized.

#### 4. Fleets

There will be one official "Modified" Portsmouth fleet.

#### 5. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be provided during the skippers meeting at the LGSC clubhouse.

#### 6. Racing Area and Course

The Race Committee will use orange tetrahedral marks and other existing buoys and fixed marks to set the course. Boats will race approximately in the main channel starting in the vicinity of The State Park, rounding a mark somewhere between the Upper and the Lower Guntersville Lights, and finishing in the vicinity of The State Park. A sketch of the course will be provided at the skippers meeting.

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## 7. Scoring

The 2007 Portsmouth Handicap system will be used to determine corrected times for all yachts. Base DPN, sail modification factors, wind correction factors, the judgment of the race committee and "special modifications" will be used to determine the final handicap.

## 8. Prizes

Separate awards will be given for up to at least six places. The overall winner will have his name engraved on a perpetual plaque commemorating the race, placed on a wall in the LGSC clubhouse.

## 9. Additional Information

Entry fees will be as indicated on the race entry form (to be published later). Entrants may register up to the time of the skippers meeting at 0900 Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the LGSC clubhouse. Contact Keith Kuhlman at (256) 582-1108 or bkkuhlman@hotmail.com.

# 2008 Autumn Challenge Entry Form

The Lake Guntersville Sailing Club (LGSC) is proud to host the Fourth Annual Autumn Challenge at Lake Guntersville. The race will be on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

Skipper/Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Type \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply: INBOARD [ ], OUTBOARD [ ],

ASYMETRICAL SPINNAKER [ ], SYMETRICAL SPINNAKER [ ],

TALL RIG [ ], LARGEST HEAD SAIL \_\_\_\_\_%

Registration Fee -\$20.00 (Racing Only) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes breakfast Sat morning)

Additional Items:

Saturday Night Spaghetti Dinner - \$8.00 per Person  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T -shirts will be made onsite. Approximate cost \$20.

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Schedule of Events

All events are on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

0800	Breakfast
0900	Skipper's Meeting
1025	Warning Signal First Chase Second Chase to Follow
1700	Time limit
1800	After-chase dinner and awards presentation.

Make checks payable to Lake Guntersville Sailing Club and mail with this entry form to:

Keith Kuhlman  
5224 Jefferson Circle  
Guntersville, AL 35976

Or at least email me of your interest and pay Sat morning.  
bkkuhlman@hotmail.com  
256-582-1108

Now for the fine print...I hereby warrant that my yacht will be outfitted, equipped, and handled in accordance with the condition for the race, that she will have all required equipment aboard, that she will be seaworthy in hull, rig, and gear, and that she will be sufficiently manned.

I do for myself, my executors or administrators, heirs and assignees, waive any and all claims as may accrue to me or them against the Lake Guntersville Sailing Club, its officers, directors, members, employees, and agents and anyone or more of them arising out of the participation of my yacht in this event, or arising from any related activities. I do further agree to and do hereby indemnify the aforesaid organization and persons from any claim demand or judgment against them, including attorney's fees and expenses in defense of such claims, etc.,

made or brought by myself, guests or crew member of my yacht or their executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin and assigns arising out of my yacht's participation in the event or any related activities.

I understand and hereby agree to abide by the Navigation Rules, International Inland Rule 9(b) which states:" A VESSEL OF LESS THAN 20 METERS IN LENGTH OR A SAILING VESSEL SHALL NOT IMPEDE THE PASSAGE OF A VESSEL THAT CAN SAFELY NAVIGATE ONLY WITHIN A NARROW CHANNEL OR FAIRWAY."

I affirm that my participation is voluntary and that any decision to start, continue, or withdraw from this event, at any time is solely my own,

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , 2008

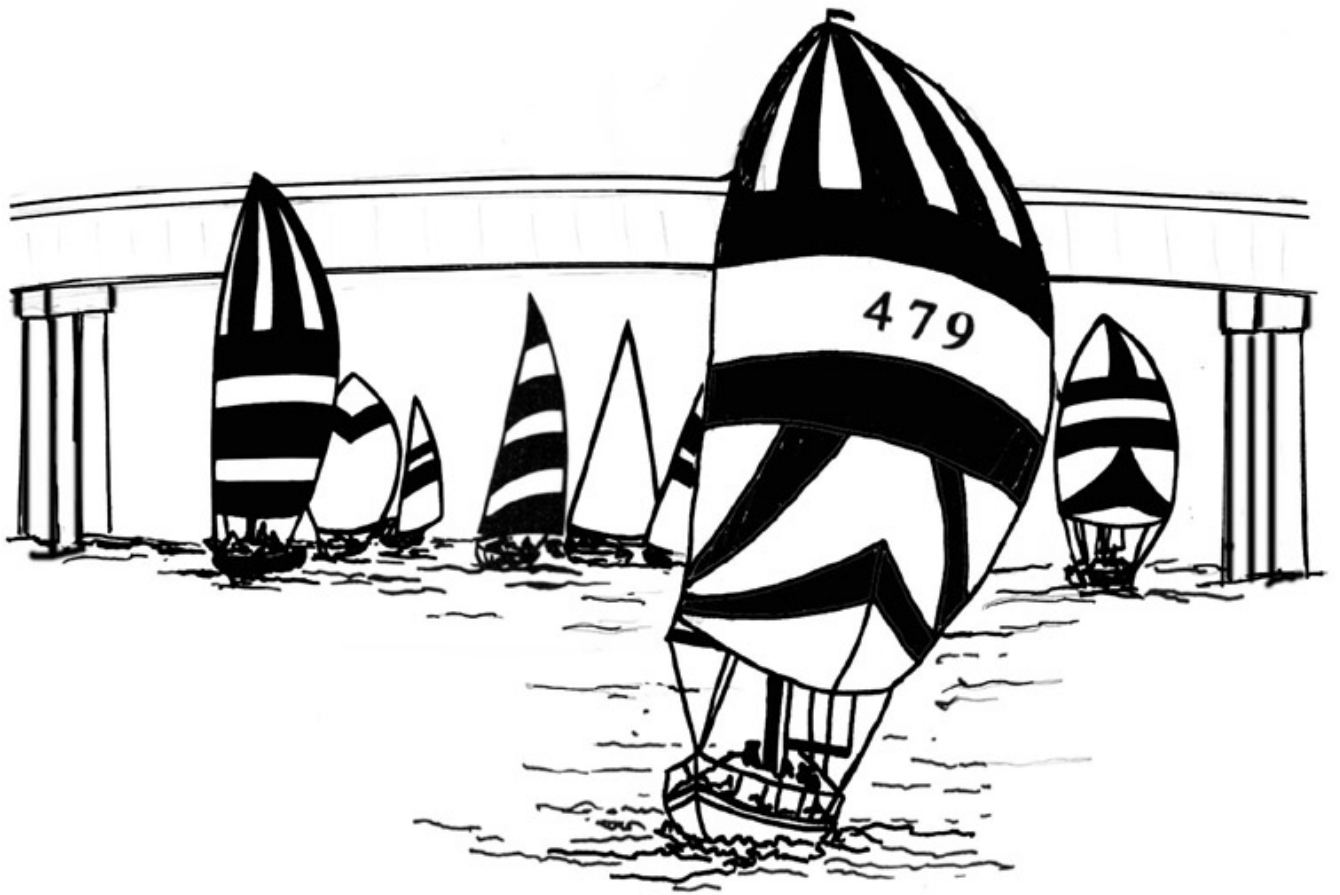
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Owner or Skipper

# Great River Race

## NOTICE OF RACE

Browns Creek Sailing Association  
Guntersville AL



Artwork for the front of the T-Shirt  
by Judy Broliar

# Great River Race

October 3, 4, 5, 2008

The Great River Race, now in its 39<sup>th</sup> year, is the longest inland sailing race in the United States. It covers a distance of 70 nautical miles or 24 hours along the beautiful Tennessee River and Alabama Mountain Lakes area. This endurance race is open to all sailing vessels with an enclosed cabin and auxiliary propulsion. A working radio capable of monitoring and communicating on the marine radio bands is required to participate in this race.

The race shall be governed by the International Sailing Federation "Racing Rules of Sailing for 2005-2008". The 2006 Portsmouth Handicapping System shall be employed to handicap this event with spinnaker and headsail adjustment factors. Handicaps will be based on Portsmouth **base** numbers. See the attached entry form for a schedule of events.

There shall be two courses, a short course and a long course. There will be two classes for the long course: Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker. There will be one class for the short course: Non-Spinnaker. Awards shall be given in each of these classes. Also, a Persistence Award will be awarded to the last yacht completing the most laps of the long course before 0900, September 30, that did not win a class trophy. The long course shall be approximately 70 miles or 24 hours. The short course shall be approximately 17 miles or 8 hours.

Registration is open until 0800 Saturday, October 4, but competitors are encouraged to register prior to the skippers meeting which will be held at 1900, Friday, October 3. Competitors may register prior to the skippers meeting:

- By mail: BCSA Race Committee, 211 Concord Dr., Madison AL 35758, Attn: John Gwyer
- By phone prior to the close of registration: (256) 722-0455
- By email: [jgwyer@hiwaay.net](mailto:jgwyer@hiwaay.net)

Competitors may also register at the BCSA clubhouse until 0800, Saturday, October 4, 2008. Note that the skippers meeting is at 1900, Friday, October 3. If you register on Saturday, you will miss the skippers meeting. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

For additional information, contact :

Debbie Clotfelter, BCSA Commodore (256) 564-7533 , or  
John Gwyer, BCSA Race Committee Chairman, (256) 722-0455.

Friday night, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have a dinner social provided Dinner will be BBQ Dinner. Cost of plate is \$9.00 a head. Back by popular demand will be the lime slice sale. Lime slices will be \$1.50 each and come with a free ice-cold Corona lime slice holder. (Wouldn't want to get that nice, tartly sweet lime slice dirty now would we?) Bring a fist full of dollars and support your sailing club.

## 2008 Great River Race Regatta Entry Form

Skipper/Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yacht type: \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht name \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_

**Sail/rig declaration:** Spinnaker[  ] Non-spinnaker [  ] Tall rig [  ] Largest headsail \_\_\_\_\_%

**Course choice:** LONG COURSE [  ] SHORT COURSE [  ] (non-spinnaker only)

**Registration fee: \$40; \$35 with US sailing Membership**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Early Registration (received on or before Sunday September 28, 2008) \$35; \$30 with US Sailing Membership

**(registration fee includes one T-shirt, and one dinner)**

BBQ Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$9 per plate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Commemorative T-Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 per shirt

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Specify sizes/quantity: Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ Extra large \_\_\_\_\_ Extra-extra large \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Schedule of Events:

<b>Friday 3 October</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>BCSA clubhouse opens for registration</b>
	<b>1800</b>	<b>Attitude Adjustment hour</b>
	<b>1830</b>	<b>BBQ dinner</b>
	<b>1900</b>	<b>Skippers Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday 4 October</b>	<b>0800</b>	<b>Final Registration Closes</b>
	<b>0900</b>	<b>Race Start</b>
	<b>2100</b>	<b>Short Course Race Ends</b>
<b>Sunday 5 October</b>	<b>0900</b>	<b>Long Course Race Ends</b>
	<b>1100</b>	<b>Awards Ceremny</b>

Make checks payable to **Browns Creek Sailing Association** and mail with this entry form to: **BCSA Race Committee, 211 Concord Dr., Madison AL, 35758.**

I hereby warrant that my yacht will be outfitted, equipped, and handled in accordance with the condition for the race, that she will have all required equipment aboard, that she will be seaworthy in hull, rig, and gear, and that she will be sufficiently manned.

I do for myself, my executors or administrators, heirs and assignees, waive any and all claims as may accrue to me or them against the Browns Creek Sailing Association, their officers, directors, members, employees, and agents and

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any one or more of them arising out of the participation of my yacht in this event, or arising from any related activities. I do further agree to and do hereby indemnify the aforesaid organization and persons from any claim demand or judgment against them, including attorney's fees and expenses in defense of such claims, etc., made or brought by myself, guests or crew member of my yacht or their executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin and assigns arising out of my yachts participation in the event or any related activities.

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Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner, Charterer, or Skipper

THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU ADVISE YOUR INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS OF THE EXECUTION OF THIS DOCUMENT.



**HOTELS AND MOTELS**

**Covenant Cove.** 7001 Val-Monte Drive, Guntersville, 256-582-1000. 52 rooms. Corporate rates, government rate, major credit cards accepted, marina dry-docks, and wet slips, Bistro La Luna and Blue Parrot Martini Bar adjacent, swimming pool, banquet and conference rooms.

**Days Inn.** 14040 Hwy 431 North, Guntersville, 256-582-3200. 51 rooms, pool, conference room, continental breakfast. Pets allowed with deposit.

**Holiday Inn.** 2140 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville, 256-582-2220. 100 rooms, group rates available, all major credit cards accepted. Featuring Neena's Lakeside Grille Restaurant and Twilight Zone lounge, swimming pool, banquet room and conference room. Located on the lake. Housebroken pets are allowed.

**Jameson Inn of Arab** -706 North Brindlee Mtn. Pkwy, Arab, 256-586-5777.

**Lake Guntersville Hampton Inn.** 14451 Hwy 431 Guntersville. 256-582-4176. 79 rooms. Located on the lake. Hotel features include a swimming pool, banquet & conference facilities.

**Lakeview Inn.** 2300 Gunter Avenue, Guntersville, 256-582-3104. 24 rooms.

**Overlook Mountain Lodge.** 6223 Hwy 431 South, Guntersville, 256-582-3256. 33 rooms. All rooms feature private balconies with view of lake. Pool, kitchenettes, all major credit cards accepted. No pets allowed

**Super 8.** 4740 Hwy 431 North, Guntersville, 256-582-8444. 39 rooms. Continental Breakfast. Located a couple of blocks away from the lake and a marina. Pets are allowed with deposit.

**Village Inn.** 21761 Hwy 431, Guntersville. 256-582-3131. In 2003, 8 rooms were built & the rest of the rooms completely renovated. Single bed rooms with King size bed, microwave & refrigerators in all rooms, free HBO, direct dialing from room. Offers an economical rate.

**BED & BREAKFAST**

**Lake Guntersville Bed & Breakfast.** 2204 Scott Street, Guntersville, 256-505-0133. Located a couple of blocks away from the lake and a marina. Full breakfast on the veranda with a beautiful view of the lake. Convenient to downtown shopping and dining. Children allowed with prior approval. No pets.

**CAMPING**

Camping areas are provided free of charge at **Browns Creek Sailing Marina.**

**Autumn Challenge NOR & Entry Form and Great River Race NOR, Entry Form & Sailing Instructions are posted on the LGSC website:**

**[www.lakeguntersvillesailingclub.com](http://www.lakeguntersvillesailingclub.com)**

## 2008 LGSC Board

Commodore	George Brown	256-851-9375
Vice Commodore	Charlie Rains	256-878-8330
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Treasurer	Beverly Kuhlman	256-582-1108
Committee-at-Large	John Marsh	256-355-5003
Race Chairman	Keith Kuhlman	256-582-1108
Social Chairman	Kathy Bryant	256-831-9353
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Binnacle Editor	Marsha Babb	256-582-0661
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Dock Master	Quill Briggs	256-652-0916

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### NEW OWNER INFORMATION

**Please make slip checks out to:**

Lake Guntersville Resorts, LLC  
404 Montgomery Street  
Gadsden, AL 35901

Please **FIRST** contact Quill Briggs, Dock Master, for **ANY** problems, request or suggestions.

Bookkeeper: Elizabeth Manasco  
Fax number: 256-549-0735

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### LGSC WEB SITE!

<http://www.lakeguntersvillesailingclub.com>

Need pictures to post on the web site. Please e-mail to [sailor@mindspring.com](mailto:sailor@mindspring.com). Thank you!

